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(SBU) On November 8 PolMilOff presented reftel demarche A to Zorica Bukinac Cimpersek, a staffer in the NATO Office of the Security Policy Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Cimpersek said that the U.S. position made sense, that bilateral cooperation with Ukraine would be "more important than ever" given Ukraine's decision not to seek a Membership Action Plan at this time, and that Slovenia would continue to support reform efforts in Ukraine. PolMilOff also repeated points from reftel demarche B, previously delivered by COM to State Secretary Bozo Cerar on October 28. Cimpersek stated that the MFA was "actually in the midst of (its) planning for Riga" during PolMilOff's visit.

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